

**To:** EOC Public Information[EOC\_Public\_Information@epa.gov]  
**From:** Hull, George  
**Sent:** Mon 8/17/2015 10:35:52 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Proposed Response -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

Will do. Thanks, George

-----Original Message-----

From: Gentile, Laura On Behalf Of EOC Public Information  
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 6:34 PM  
To: Hull, George  
Cc: EOC Public Information  
Subject: Proposed Response -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

Hi George,  
Our proposed response to the reporter's question is below. Reviewed by Nancy Cohen and Randy Dietz. Please review and share the final response with the reporter -- deadline is 2 pm tomorrow.  
thanks  
laura

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From: Cohen, Nancy  
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 6:22 PM  
To: EOC Technical Specialist; Bassler, Rachel; Deitz, Randy  
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Stalcup, Dana; Fitz-James, Schatzi; EOC Public Information  
Subject: RE: Please Review: Fw: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

Melissa: We weren't able to catch Mathy before he left for the airport. Randy and I reviewed and are fine with this response so please go ahead and use it to close this out hopefully tonight. I'm ccing the PIO desk in case you left and they're still in.

Thanks, nancy

Nancy Cohen  
U.S. EPA OSWER  
202.566.0171

-----Original Message-----

From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. On Behalf Of EOC Technical Specialist  
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 4:27 PM  
To: Cohen, Nancy; Bassler, Rachel; Deitz, Randy  
Cc: Gartner, Lois; Stalcup, Dana; Fitz-James, Schatzi  
Subject: Fw: Please Review: Fw: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors  
Importance: High

Nancy/Rachel/Randy,  
Is OSWER ok with us forwarding on this response to EOC PIO or would Mathy like to review?

Thanks,  
Melissa

Question:  
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write an explanatory piece on a basic question: How do government mine inspectors do their jobs? In all the coverage of the Gold King Mine incident, I don't feel this has been adequately addressed.

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> Is there someone at EPA available to talk me through this basic process? I'm on a deadline of tomorrow (Tuesday) at 2 pm Eastern time. You can reach me at this email or at 212-727-4643.

Proposed Response:

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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From: Stalcup, Dana

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 4:15 PM

To: EOC Technical Specialist; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Gartner, Lois

Subject: RE: Please Review: Fw: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

This looks good, but change "MHSA" to "MSHA"

Dana Stalcup

Director, Assessment and Remediation Division OSWER/Office of Superfund Remediation and Technology Innovation (OSRTI) Desk – 703-603-8702 Cell – 202-309-5473

-----Original Message-----

From: Dreyfus, Melissa G. On Behalf Of EOC Technical Specialist

Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 12:17 PM

To: Stalcup, Dana; Fitz-James, Schatzi; Gartner, Lois

Subject: Please Review: Fw: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors  
Importance: High

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Please review this response for OSRTI. Is Jim in the office today? The question immediate makes me think "MSHA" but in the event the reporter was asking about the site assessment process, we provided some additional information.

Thanks  
Melissa

# Deliberative Process/Ex. 5

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From: Gentile, Laura on behalf of EOC Public Information  
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:26 AM  
To: EOC Technical Specialist  
Subject: Press Question -- EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

Please see question from reporter:

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From: Cohen, Nancy  
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 11:02 AM  
To: Daguiard, Robert  
Cc: EOC Public Information  
Subject: Re: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine Inspectors

In interagency meeting now. Suggest running through eoc. Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Aug 17, 2015, at 10:55 AM, Daguiard, Robert <Daguiard.Robert@epa.gov> wrote:

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> + Nancy, as requested, so we keep this inquiry in one thread.

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> Thanks, John.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Senn, John On Behalf Of EOC Public Information

> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:52 AM

> To: Daguiard, Robert

> Cc: Ludwigsen, Emily; Lehman, Rachel

> Subject: Re: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine  
> Inspectors

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> can you please also flag for Nancy Cohen? We will look into this here.

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> thanks,

> John

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> From: Daguiard, Robert  
> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:47 AM  
> To: EOC Public Information  
> Cc: Ludwigsen, Emily; Lehman, Rachel  
> Subject: EOC Action; EarthMagazine; DDL 8/18; Government Mine  
> Inspectors

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> All, I've asked the reporter to extend his deadline and to forward a list of questions. Also, I thought this might be a regular inquiry for OSWER, but Julia Valentine recommended routing through EOC. Handle as

you see fit.

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> Thanks, R.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Palmer, Brian [mailto:bpalmer@nrdc.org]

> Sent: Monday, August 17, 2015 10:19 AM

> To: Press

> Subject: Gold King Mine inquiry

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> Hello,

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> Thanks very much for your help.

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> Brian